

Bill Mercer has served as United States Attorney for the District of Montana since April 20, 2001. President Bush nominated him for the position and the Senate confirmed the appointment later in 2001.

He is a graduate of the University of Montana. Mercer received a Master of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1988. Mercer received his law degree from George Mason University School of Law in 1993.

Mercer, 45, served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Montana from August 1994 through April 2001. Before returning to Montana, Mercer was Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General and Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of Policy Development in the U.S. Department of Justice between November 1989 and July 1994.

From June of 2005 through July 8, 2006, Mercer served as Principal Associate Deputy Attorney General in the Department of Justice while continuing to serve as U.S. Attorney.

In September of 2006, Mercer was nominated by President Bush as Associate Attorney General. He served as Acting Associate Attorney General for eleven months.